

Approved minutes: Underhill Natural Resources Inventory and Mapping Committee

Tuesday August 18, 2020

Present: Val Stori, Sandy Wilmot, Karen McKnight, Amy Golodetz, Pat Lamphere

Absent: John Drew, Ryan Ochs

Call to order at 6:31 pm

Public comment: none

Approval of minutes: 5/19/2020 approved, delayed approval of minutes of 6/16 and 7/21 (note: Town website has a tab for this committee where minutes are kept)

Consulting with other towns: Meeting scheduled for August 31 at 6:30. Jens Hilke, state Conservation Planning Biologist, will join. Please attend if you can. Val will send meeting info. Sandy will ask Andrew for GoTo Meeting access. Expecting representatives from towns such as Jericho, Huntington, West Fairlee, Mad River Valley.

Maps discussion

- Sandy will make sections of town for next meeting so we can focus on all layers for smaller areas
- Conserved lands: what are the terms of these easements? More information on this will help guide future conservation work. Sandy will ask Ryan and Andrew where we can get the info.
- Forest Patterns: what is the definition of contiguous?
- Wetlands: need more vernal pool data. Vermont Center for Ecosystem Studies has a citizen scientist program for monitoring vernal pools.
- How do we address high priority elements/ areas located on the Range? Town should include and acknowledge regardless of ownership
- Physical Features / Community and Species: ground truth needed; definition of responsibility?
- Can we get a list of what shows up in Underhill without specific locations? Can we get this from VT ANR?

Text: well-written

Additional data needed? See minutes from July meeting. Conservation Commission to discuss at next meeting (September 14).

Applying for a grant to support next phase(s): deadline is October 1 for Municipal Planning Grant. Need selectboard approval first. Can we get the application done by mid-September?

Next steps: Sandy will send Municipal Planning Grant link. Please review.

Next meeting is September 15

Adjourned at 7:50